

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION	PROCESSING ACTION		
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TO	COS, GERMANY		MARKED FOR INDEXING		
INFO.	C/EE - C/BONN OPS BASE - C/ BERLIN OPS BASE - C/CSB, FRANKFURT		NO INDEXING REQUIRED		
FROM	C/MUNICH LIAISON BASE		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING		
SUBJECT	CATIDE ALIAS WINTERSTEIN'S COMMENTS ON GERMAN ELECTION AND UTILITY'S FUTURE		MICROFILM		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES					
<p>1. WINTERSTEIN STATED 3 SEPTEMBER THAT HE HAD JUST COMPLETED A SURVEY IN DEPTH FOR CATIDE TOP LEADERS ON PROB RESULTS UPCOMING ELECTION. HIS PROGNOSIS WAS THAT CDU/CSU WOULD WIN PLURALITY OF VOTES /ONE OR TWO PERCENT OVER SPD/ AND AGAIN FORM A COALITION GOVT WITH FDP. WINTERSTEIN SAID A GREAT COALITION WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IF CDU WON SINCE ERHARD WOULD NOT ACCEPT COALITION WITH SPD AND AS CHIEF VOTE COLLECTOR HIS PARTY HE COULD NOT BE FORCED OUT RIGHT AFTER ELECTION. HOWEVER, IF SPD PULLED UPSET AND WON PLURALITY VOTES WINTERSTEIN THOUGHT A GREAT COALITION LIKELY. IN THIS CASE SPD WOULD FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE FORM COALITION WITH FDP AND WOULD PROB BE ABLE WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE WITH CDU.</p> <p>2. WINTERSTEIN SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT POSITION CATIDE IN GERMAN GOVT TO BE GREATLY CHANGED AFTER ELECTION. UNDER NEW ERHARD GOVT CATIDE POSITION WOULD PROB NOT GET BETTER BUT WOULD ALSO NOT GET WORSE. UNDER SPD DOMINATED COALITION CATIDE POSITION MIGHT SHOW SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT DUE PAST CATIDE CULTIVATION SPD LEADERS. WINTERSTEIN SAID SPD BUNDESTAGDELEGATES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN VERY UNDERSTANDING CATIDE'S PROBLEMS.</p> <p>3. WINTERSTEIN SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT UTILITY TO BE DROPPED AFTER ELECTION NO MATTER WHO WON. HE SAID THERE IS NO STRONG DIS-SATISFACTION UTILITY IN EITHER CDU OR SPD AND LITTLE DESIRE REPLACE HIM. NOR IS THERE STRONG CANDIDATE FOR SUCCESSION. WINTERSTEIN SAID HE BELIEVED UTILITY WOULD CERTAINLY SERVE UNTIL HE REACHED LEGAL RETIREMENT AGE AND THAT IT WAS NOT UNLIKELIHOOD PARTIES WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE HIS TERM EXTENDED.</p>					
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<p>4. COMMENT - WINTERSTEIN HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH UTILITY AND WOULD DOUBTLESSLY LIKE TO SEE HIS TERM EXTENDED. OTHER CATIDE OFFICER'S NOTABLY ALIAS BROCK HAVE BEEN FAR LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT UTILITY'S FUTURE.</p> <p>APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>END OF - XXXXXX</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg); opacity: 0.5;">BEST AVAILABLE COPY</p>			
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